

ally succeed. Do you believe that he had any other
 motive than to build himself up in the eyes of
 a world the very worst of whom have all the pre-
 tence that superiority of moral character would in their
 own eyes sinest them with, for declining to associate
 with him? Why should I recapitulate his baseness
 in the Anti-Slavery cause, since you cannot
 but remember it - cannot but know that he
 is just what he was when his falseness & hypocri-
 sy ended in swindling, & obliged me to struggle with
 pecuniary difficulties which seemed insurmountable, for
 the establishment of the paper in which, as our or-
 gan, ^{now} appears an expression of thanks to him
 on behalf, as it were, "of all abolitionists, for his
 prompt & generous efforts &c. &c." I have, as ^{you} will
 allow, a right to say something when the Standard
 is concerned; since, but for me it would never have
 been established, & with humility & pain I say it,
 I don't know how many a dozen times but for my
 throwing my whole soul into its upholding. I
 rely on you to pardon the pain which I am
 sure it will give you to hear me say as I now
 do, that in my view the harm to the cause would be
 trifling to have it sink, ^{rather} than to have it the
 organ of Lewis Gopham. You know how important
 I deem it as an instrumentality - far higher, I found
 in conversing with you recently, than you do,
 & yet how much more gladly would I have seen
 the announcement that it must stop with this number,
 than that you were the duke of Lewis Gopham to make
 it his organ. He is a pleasing shrewd man,

towards whom, while I thoroughly know him I have
 none but the most benevolent feelings. But are we
 to present ourselves to the Antislavery public as his dupes
 to their utter repudiation of ourselves, & to the pro-slavery
 world as his associates who know him as thoroughly as
~~well~~ I really was unable to comprehend the article, or
 its purpose. It is 'regimable' - emphatically so, though
 the Courier & Enquirer said it. Lewis Tappan the club-
 bup - Lewis Tappan the snav-dropper - Lewis Tappan
 the Suf-Hunter - Lewis Tappan the food-eater - are
 all displayed in it. It would have been mortifying
 to have seen a friend of the cause set forth in a
 way so inconsequential to the cause. But to see the
 standard so degradingly employed - made a soft bolster
 of by an enemy of the cause, is greatly to be lamented.
 & when there is not a person who ever had dealings
 with him, pro-slavery or Anti-slavery, who does
 not know that his word is not to be depended upon
 in the slightest degree. Is it not your interest in De-
 ca which has deluded & blinded you into thinking that
 it would be justifiable to say or do any thing for the
 sake of being informed of all Lewis may have picked
 up about it? I dare say Clay or Calhoun know more &
 I am sure they have done far less injury to the cause.
 So unlike is this article to your last, that hardly seems
 credible that they should be the productions of the same
 mind & yet it is clear that they are, since even had
 Lewis written it himself, you are responsible for it as
 your own. How little could I have anticipated in the
 moment when I was rejoicing in your strength & recti-
 tude (as expressed in the letter accompanying & wh. I hope
 you have read just) that you were yielding to the desire
 of new organization, to nullify all that we can do to des-
 troy its evil effects on our cause, & to live down its calumnies
 & to remove its obstacles. John Linnery & Quavis means
 to be the Whig candidate, & yet to have abolition votes

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and third party notes. He needs an attestation from
Leavitt to his Anti-Slavery character to serve him with
Liberty party men, while Leavitt wants something of
him to approve the charges resting against the swin-
dler of the Emancipator. Simple-minded people, who are
no politicians, & very much at the mercy therefore of those
who are, will suppose without any investigation of facts,
that Mr Leavitt could be so had, if Mr Adams
will write him a note. Thus they have exchanged
attestations, each to serve his own selfish purposes.
Still this would not serve the turn of either perfectly.
But the Standard comes in & endorses the notes as
it were, & they will involve it in the disgrace of
the transaction. Poor old William Allan too! - with
his sweet seasons with the Emperor of Russia! 'Oh how
is this world potentale - struck - grande-potentelle' - when
your pay and fund, are paid for your expense
& your trouble by watering such twaddle! Lord Aber-
deen - Lord Napier - the Duke of Buchan - Lord Brougham
they cannot all together - with you to help white-
wash Lewis so that even merchants to say nothing of
Whigs, can give him any other than the coldest
cut direct in consistency with their own self-interest.
My fund, it really was, & so you may surely
learn on charge, any day, an insult on
the part of the editor of the Commercial advertiser
to commercial men, to mention Lewis & Appon.
'What claims has this man' means volumes
in a commercial paper. The least an editor can
do when publicly called upon in that way, is to say
he is independent. What, ^{supra} pro slavery papers publish

as news & a joke, & every body of common sense knowing at it, we publish as something important & thankworthy, & blame, as a spirit of fierce persecution & tyranny; the enquiring what claim its pro-slavery author has upon public consideration. If it be necessary to mention such miserable creature at all, it surely should be to say it is true though a slaveholder had said it. I again put a fresh accession of darkness as to the possible reason for this article. Is it a mark of false magnanimity? We are tempted to indulge thus at the expense of the cause. Has Lewis made you visits & overtures? Such as he, 'come to hear, who come to be denied.' If he had not been denied! Has he told you he repents - wishes to repair the wrong he has done the cause - since he cannot restore the unaccounted, wishes to support the Standard & regret that he gadded ^{up} to the pro-slavery Paedagog, the slave's friends & ^{of estimable reputation} instrumentalities at demand? State the facts, ^{as stated by him} ^{they} but to endorse him, or ^{trust} him would be folly. To 'indulge a hope' would be all we could in common sense do, even there. Wherein is the affair changed from what it was the anniversary week that you all went to N York to learn how you had been plundered & why. Is not Lewis the same had sixpence passing ^{stall} off for half a guinea that he was there? are his pretensions to abolitionism any louder now than then? does he ring any more like true metal? Is he not the same knave? It may seem to you that the Liberator has said something from time to time about Lewis & the Amundians. A paragraph or two there has been. (better left out by far)

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but the Liberator is not the organ of the Society.
Nor were the paragraphs in the nature of endorse-
ments. R. D. Webb's letter said a few words, but that
was a communication which it would have been
wrong to mutilate, & which carried with it no hazard
as no one could suppose a distant Irish correspond-
ent to be mistake or blunder-proof. 'Entertaining
Gaffan's communications to the Brooklyn meeting seem
to have been,' 'Instructive,' 'new,' 'interesting' or 'useful.' I am
truly astonished to hear you call it very desirable
stuff, it is for the pro-slavery press. I could
have been all communicated as 'news,' in the
the ^{London} column next to the advertisement, under
head 'Lord Brougham & other Lords & Mr Gaffan';
& the American Anti Slavery ^{Society} would have
guaranteed over even that Parley Potts an enemy, but
would have 'pardoned so much to the spirit of Liberty!'
You see I have made the same mistake above,
that the emancipator did in publishing Lord Inglethorpe's
speech. He tripped as reported in the times, to the
excellency of the Am. Anti Slavery Society. The em-
ancipator characteristically has it 'to American Anti Sla-
very: I will not fear, he as ready to correct the
mistake as I have been above. It grieves whom
my mind in excuse for you, that people in New
York may possibly be saying 'how narrow those
whitewashers are who refuse to throw the good-deserts
of those with whom they have a quarrel which they
are too bitter & revengeful to make up.' & that you
have thought, by this step to save the cause from that re-
proach. This is a reproach, which, because it is without
the slightest foundation, we ought to find it easy to hear.

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When there is no quarrel — no intended or ill will
no proscription — nothing but a record of the past
to which to refer that we may not even remember
'our bosoms with the perilous staff,' we surely ought
not to let false accusations change a judgment righteous
course by which our opponents are hindered from struggling
us. What to advise you to as I know not. Unless
you could obliterate this article from the memories
of abolitionists, I fear the door of the Standard
is sealed, as then again. I hope my mixture of
pain & merriment in this letter will not dispose
you to say, 'what business have they with an organ
at all, who are so deeply particular what tune it
plays. But I know that if a friend, a friend
can bear much. Surely if you are so able to
bear with Lewis Tappan, I need not fear, but
Alas! it is not in the nature of things for any
man to be in friendship with such utter extremes
of character as the generalities of abolitionists &
Lewis Tappan. Just in proportion as you can bear
with him, we all in this region become necessarily
unbearable to you. Fanny Phelps & Lewis & Leavitt
& Govey saying to each other that 'they had felt
of Child & found him soft.' Perhaps you have not
heard any of them say it as I have known
of their saying it, about men who did not in
the least know they had been the subject of such an
assessments. Is it, in your view or to your feelings
uncomfortable or unparaphable that I should speak thus?
Consider whether it is not well that I should be as
in the presence of truth when speaking to you about
the course advisable to be pursued for the usefulness

